

Introduced by Senator Knight

February 22, 2002

An act to add Section 85303.5 to the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1806, as introduced, Knight. Campaign contributions.

Under the Political Reform Act of 1974, a contribution by a person, as defined, and a small contributor committee, as defined, to a candidate for Governor may not exceed \$20,000 per election. However, campaigns for statewide elective office, including Governor, are not subject to these limitations until November 6, 2002.

This bill would, in addition, prohibit a person and a small contributor committee from making any contribution to a Governor commencing on the 30th day before, and ending on the day after, the last day on that a Governor may sign a bill into law following adjournment by the Legislature in the 1st calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session for joint interim recess, and in the 2nd calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session for joint final recess.

Existing law makes a violation of the act subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by imposing these penalties on persons who violate the provisions of this bill.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill, which would declare that it furthers the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974, would therefore require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 85303.5 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 85303.5. Notwithstanding Sections 85302 and 85303, a
4 person and a small contributor committee may not make any
5 contribution to a Governor commencing on the 30th day before,
6 and ending on the day after, the last day on that a Governor may
7 sign a bill into law following adjournment by the Legislature in the
8 first calendar year of the biennium of the legislative session for
9 joint interim recess, and in the second calendar year of the
10 biennium of the legislative session for joint final recess.

11 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
12 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
13 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
14 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
15 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
16 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
17 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
18 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
19 Constitution.

20 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the provisions
21 of this act further the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974
22 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the
23 Government Code.

